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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 11, 2002, enclosed herewith is a Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Please charge any fees necessary to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Final Office Action dated
December 11, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application
as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7, 11 and 17 without
prejudice as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for driving piezoelectric fuel
injector elements divided into a plurality of injector banks,
each bank containing at least one piezoelectric element (10, 20),
each bank being selected for charging or discharging by a bank-
selection switch (S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6), characterized in that
a bank selection switch includes a triac and a triac drive
circuit (312) configured to drive the triac, the triac adapted to
selectively charge and discharge the piezoelectric element.

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